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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with John A. McCone Concerning the  
Cooper Bill, S. 2224

1. At the request of the Director's office, I talked to Mr. John A. McCone in London. He said he has been invited to give testimony on S. 2224, the Cooper bill, "To amend the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, to keep the Congress better informed on matters relating to foreign policy and national security by providing it with intelligence information obtained by the Central Intelligence Agency and with analysis of such information by such agency."

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2. Mr. McCone inquired as to the Agency's position and the Administration's position on the bill. I told him both are in opposition but that other witnesses such as [REDACTED] will be appearing before the Committee and personally tend to favor the release of NIE's to the legislature. He noted that he tends to favor such information going to the Congress but if the Agency and Administration are opposed, he would not need to testify since the request to him is only an invitation. He asked that a copy of the bill and appropriate notes be forwarded to him at the Westbury Hotel in Brussels. If they could be sent out in the mail tonight, they could be at the Westbury when he arrives Monday afternoon. He requested that we telex [REDACTED] so that he will be familiar with the matter. If there is need to contact him during the day, [REDACTED] knows how to get a hold of him.  
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3. The invitation to testify before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee is for Monday, the 27th, at 10:00 a.m. He will not be returning until the 26th.

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4. I told him we would forward the bill and notes to the Westbury and would advise [REDACTED]  
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